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SUBJECT: MASSERA AND HUMAN RIGHTS

1. ARTICLE WHICH APPEARED IN JANUARY 27 "WASHINGTON POST" HAS BEEN SENT TO YOU BY THE USIA WIRELESS.
2. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS ON WHETHER MASSERA IS ON THE SIDE OF THE ANGELS, AS HE SEEMS TO BE PORTRAYING HIMSELF.
3. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY BY COB JANUARY 30. CHRISTOPHER

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January 24, 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: ARA/INR/CIA Weekly Meeting, January 23, 1978

PARTICIPANTS: ARA - Deputy Assistant Secretary Bushnell,
Deputy Assistant Secretary Arellano;
CIA - [REDACTED] INR/DDC - Ted Heavner

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Paramaribo [REDACTED] and Mr. Bushnell agreed to compromise wording for a cable to Ambassador Zurhellen, stressing the fact that [REDACTED] reporting on Surinam internal affairs will remain minimal. Mr. Bushnell commented that it is becoming evident that Paramaribo is a key place to monitor Brazilian diplomacy.

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Argentina Coverage. Mr. Bushnell asked if [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] He noted that we really are not very clear about who is moderate and who is hard line on human rights matters. If we were more certain about the attitudes and roles of the individual military leaders and services, for example, it might be possible to use military sales to better effect. We have cut off all sales, which hurts the Air Force most and the Army least - but we think the Air Force is the more moderate and constructive of the Services. If we were sure, we might permit the sale of spare parts to the Air Force, for example.

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Mr. Bushnell noted that the interest in putting a TDY [REDACTED] team into Lima and asked if this should not also be considered for Argentina.

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Satellite Coverage. Mr. Bushnell raised the possibility of getting more information on Latin America from satellite coverage. He noted several borders and military establishments probably should be looked at regularly. He mentioned specifically Peru, Guatemala and the borders Ecuador/Peru, Chile/Peru and Honduras/El Salvador.

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Nicaragua. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] in anticipation of troubled times ahead in Nicaragua. He said that he believes it is only a question of time before Somoza is pushed out of power. There was a discussion of Somoza's health, with Mr. Warren noting that all the reports available to CIA suggest he is in good health.

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Narcotics from Mexico. Mr. Arellano noted that the December statistics show eradication measures are going well in Mexico, but interdiction efforts seem to be having very poor results. [REDACTED]

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Liaison with Chilean Service. Mr. Bushnell noted that relations with DINA and its successor, CNT, are a potentially sensitive matter. [REDACTED]

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